



Moving Forward

The RCP is a game plan for how our region can become more balanced and sustainable over time. While it describes how the region can do better to accommodate growth, protect the environment, and assure economic competitiveness in our lifetime, the RCP will not achieve desired outcomes on its own.

We need an unprecedented regional commitment to solving our collective challenges. Southern California must strengthen its efforts to overcoming historical, institutional, or other barriers that prevent us from reforming the status quo. SCAG proposes to lead this effort and promote implementation of the RCP in several ways:

- Provide regional leadership and a forum that brings stakeholders together to turn ideas into action. Through focused working groups and forums, we can make inroads on priority policies by securing commitments, forging partnerships, and moving other initiatives forward.
- Consider adopting appropriate RCP policies into its annual Overall Work Plan budget.
- Promote near-term implementation of the RCP by supporting policies that offer the most benefits for the environment, economy, and our quality-of-life. The public

review process for the Draft RCP will focus on identifying strategies that the region should pursue now.

- Provide guidance that helps local governments and other stakeholders implement the RCP's recommendations. For example, SCAG can develop guidance that helps cities implement green building policies.
- Integrate the RCP into its annual State of the Region report. Our progress toward achieving the RCP's outcomes will be used to help gauge whether we're moving in the right direction to solve our region's problems. As such, we need to bolster our monitoring programs.
- Update the RCP on a regular basis to acknowledge the ever-changing nature of our region. We should adjust our short- and long-term strategies as circumstances warrant. The RCP must reflect regional consensus on the challenge and the need for action to be relevant.

Ultimately, the RCP is a living document that will challenge us to think about the big picture, understand the consequences of inaction, and make choices about whether we are going to consciously alter the course of our region toward a more sustainable future.

